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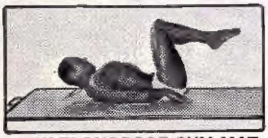

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THIS IS NO TIME FOR CLOWNING, BEN!
WHATEVER FUNCTION THIS HAS, YOU CAN BE SURE IT'LL PROVE DANGEROUS...TO US!
LOOK! IT'S STARTING TO GLOW...!
MAYBE I SHOULD FLAME ON, AND SEE HOW IT REACTS TO FIRE!
HOLD IT, JOHNNY! REMEMBER... THE PSYCHO-MAN IS MASTER OF A SCIENCE WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!
IT CAN'T DO US MUCH HARM IF I MELT IT INTO A MOLTEN GLOB!
C'MON, BROTHER-IN-LAW! ANYTHING YOU DON'T KNOW DOESN'T EXIST!
BUT, THIS IS ANOTHER WORLD, PERHAPS GOVERNED BY DIFFERENT NATURAL LAWS OF...LOOK OUT!
HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENIN' TO US??
WE'RE BEING SWEPT UP... BY THAT MACHINE!
WE'RE TRAVELLING THRU SPACE...THRU MICRO-SPACE...
--ON AN ENERGY BEAM FROM SOME FAR-OFF PLANET!
BUT HOW? WHERE ARE WE GOIN'?
WHEREVER IT IS...WE'VE LANDED!
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GIMME ROOM, KIDDIES! I'M GONNA SEE WHAT MAKES 'IM TICK!
NO! LET THE TORCH TACKLE HIM FIRST! HIS FLAME AFFORDS MORE PROTECTION!
AS YOU WISH!
IT MATTERS NOT TO ME!
FLAME ON!
HEY! WATCH IT, JUNIOR--!
YER BACK-FIRIN'!
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE, A SELF-CONTAINED THERMAL BLAST OUGHT TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!
ENOUGH, JOHNNY!! BACK OFF... BACK OFF!
I WAS AFRAID OF THIS! HE'S PULLED THE SAME TRICK HE DID WHEN WE FOUGHT EACH OTHER BACK ON EARTH!*
AND WHILE WE'RE WASTIN' TIME HERE, FER ALL WE KNOW GALACTUS MIGHT BE TEARIN' OUR WHOLE BLAMED PLANET APART!
USING HIS POWER TO INFLUENCE OUR MINDS, HE MADE US BELIEVE THAT ENCEPHO-PROJECTOR WAS IN REALITY THE MAN WE'RE AFTER!
I'VE BEEN TRYING... NOT TO THINK OF THAT!
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AND, SPEAKING OF EARTH, WE LAST SAW THE SILVER SURFER HEADING THERE... HOPING TO REACH GALACTUS BEFORE HE MADE GOOD HIS AWESOME THREAT...
I HAVE REACHED MY GOAL AT LAST!
HERE, IN THE LABORATORY OF REED RICHARDS, I WILL ATTAIN MY NORMAL HEIGHT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS!
I THOUGHT I HEARD SOME--!!
OH! IT'S... THE SILVER SURFER!
DO NOT BE AFRAID!
I AM HERE TO AID THE HUMAN RACE!
HAVE YOU... BEEN IN CONTACT WITH JOHNNY... AND THE OTHERS??
YOUR MENFOLK ARE ALIVE... IN A PLACE WHERE YOU CANNOT REACH THEM!
IT'S BEEN LIKE A NIGHTMARE FOR MRS. RICHARDS... AND FOR ME... BEING HERE ALONE... AND NOT KNOWING!
I CAN TELL YOU NO MORE!
CRYSTAL! WHO'S THERE? WHAT'S WRONG? CRYSTAL--!!
DON'T BE ALARMED! IT'S THE SILVER SURFER! EVERYTHING IS... ALL RIGHT!
SHE IS IN BED! IS MRS. RICHARDS ILL?
NO-- SHE'S EXPECTING A BABY!
SHE INSISTED I MOVE HER HERE IN CASE WE HEAR FROM REED RICHARDS!
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I MUST GO TO HIM!
FOR ONLY BY FINDING ANOTHER WORLD WHOSE LIFE ENERGY HE MAY DRAIN
CAN ALL WHO LIVE UPON THE EARTH BE SPARED!
FOR, WHEN GALACTUS FEELS THE FANGS OF HUNGER..
NOTHING LESS THAN A PLANET CAN SATISFY HIM!
THE LEVER RISES!
WITHIN MINUTES, ALL OF EARTH SHALL BE BATHED IN A TORRENT OF ANTI-MATTER RAYS WHICH-- BUT WAIT!!
MY HERALD APPROACHES
THE SILVER SURFER HAS HEEDED MY SUMMONS AT LAST!
BUT, TIME IS RUNNING OUT!
I DARE NOT WAIT FOR HIM TO REACH ME!
I MUST PROJECT AN IMAGE THRU THE INFINITE..
ONLY SECONDS REMAIN! IF EARTH SHALL SURVIVE... YOU MUST FIND WHAT I SEEK...YOU MUST FIND IT...NOW!
SPARE THEM, GALACTUS!
I SHALL NOT FAIL YOU
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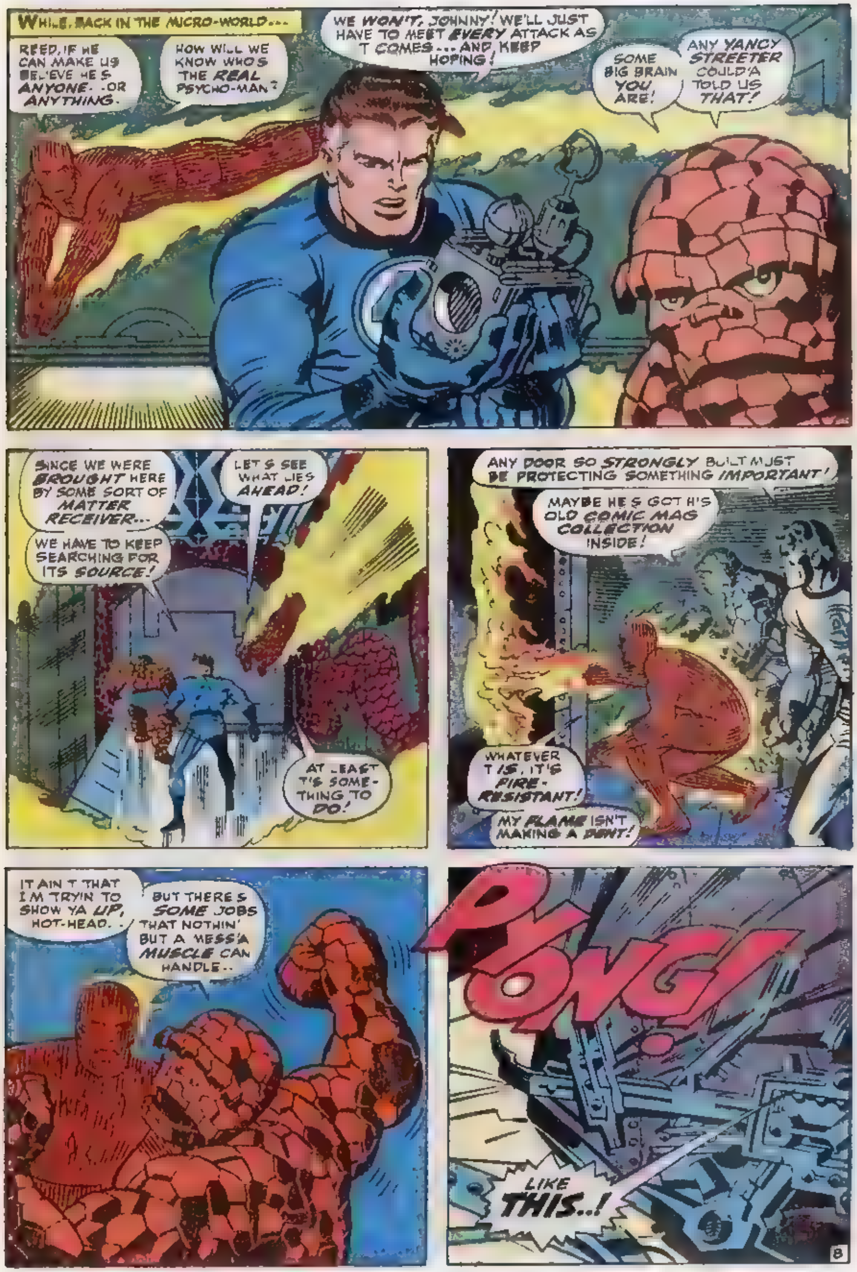

WHILE, BACK IN THE MICRO-WORLD...
REED, IF HE CAN MAKE US BELIEVE HE'S ANYONE... OR ANYTHING.
HOW WILL WE KNOW WHO'S THE REAL PSYCHO-MAN?
WE WON'T, JOHNNY! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MEET EVERY ATTACK AS IT COMES... AND KEEP HOPING!
SOME BIG BRAIN YOU ARE!
ANY YANCY STREETER COULD'A TOLD US THAT!
SINCE WE WERE BROUGHT HERE BY SOME SORT OF MATTER RECEIVER...
WE HAVE TO KEEP SEARCHING FOR ITS SOURCE!
LET'S SEE WHAT LIES AHEAD!
AT LEAST IT'S SOME-THING TO DO!
ANY DOOR SO STRONGLY BUILT MUST BE PROTECTING SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
MAYBE HE'S GOT HIS OLD COMIC MAG COLLECTION INSIDE!
WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S FIRE-RESISTANT!
MY FLAME ISN'T MAKING A DENT!
IT AIN'T THAT I'M TRYIN' TO SHOW YA UP, HOT-HEAD...
BUT THERE'S SOME JOBS THAT NOTHIN' BUT A MESS'A MUSCLE CAN HANDLE...
PONG!
LIKE THIS..!
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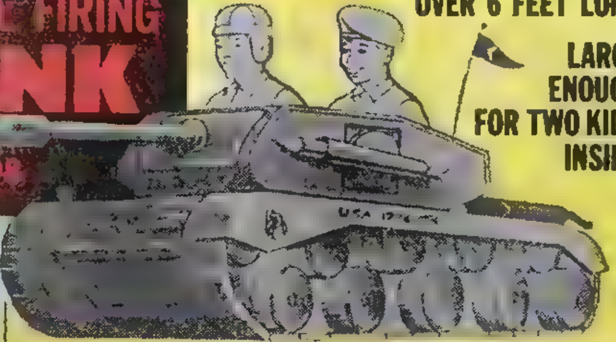

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HE'S MORE THAN DOUBLED HIS SIZE AND HIS POWER!
YOU'RE UP AGAINST A GIANT!
NO NEED TO TELL HIM, RICHARDS!
I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE LEARNS FOR HIMSELF!
UNHHH!!
NOW, AS SOON AS HE STRIKES MR FANTASTIC, I'LL HAVE ELIMINATED TWO OF YOU WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
STRETCHO... DUCK! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, OLD FRIEND! WE'RE NOT BEATEN YET..!
..NOT AS LONG AS MY ELASTIC BODY CAN ABSORB THE IMPACT AND CUSHION THE BLOW!
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I'VE GOT TO GIVE THEM TIME TO CATCH THEIR BREATH!
IF I CAN MELT THE ENTRANCE... THAT'LL HOLD PSYCHO-MAN BACK LONG ENOUGH I HOPE!
GOOD WORK, JOHNNY
JUST WHAT WE NEED
REED WAS THAT THE REAL PSYCHO-MAN OR ?
NO WAY OF KNOWING, LAD.
BUT I DOUBT
WHY SHOULD HE JEOPARDIZE HIS OWN BODY WHEN HE CAN USE SO MANY OTHERS?!!
YAK! YAK! YAK! DONTCHA EVER RUN DOWN?
SKROOM
NO MERE WALL CAN STOP ME!
'TS HIM AGAIN
THIS TIME I AIN'T GIVIN 'IM A CHANCE TO PULL ANY-THIN CUTE...!
GERONIMO!
BTAMM!
YOU GOT HIM, BEN!
YOU SENT HIM FLYING!!

STAND BACK, BIG FELLA! LET US HANDLE IT NOW.
NOT A CHANCE, MISTER
I'M THRU DOIN' ALL THE HEAVY WORK N LETTIN' SOMEONE ELSE PICK UP THE MARBLES!
BEN!! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! HE'S NOT SOME ORDINARY SUPER-POWERED SPARRING-PARTNER FOR YOU...
KEEP TALKIN', LOUD-MOUTH! AT LEAST IT KEEPS YER TONSILS AWAKE!
FTOOOM!
OKAY, BIG MAN! I GUESS YOU'RE REAL PROUD OF YOURSELF NOW!
WELL, I'LL BE A MONKEY'S UNCLE!
YOU DON'T HAVE THE BRAINS TO BE!
I WANTED TO STUDY THAT FIGURE OF PSYCHO-MAN... TO ANALYZE THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR ITS EXISTENCE!
BUT YOUR BIRD-BRAINED TEMPER LOST ME ANOTHER PRECIOUS CHANCE!
HOW'S ABOUT ALL THE TIMES IT SAVED YER BLASTED LIFE?
OR DON'T THAT COUNT?
KNOCK IT OFF, BEN! YOU KNOW REED'S RIGHT!
NUTS! IF YOU GUYS ARE MY FRIENDS.. WHO NEEDS ENEMIES?!!
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BUT NOW, LET'S LIFT OUR SIGHTS A BIT--- AS WE ZERO IN ON A GLEAMING FIGURE SURFING ALONG THE SKYWAYS OF THE ENDLESS COSMOS ..
THAT FLAMING METEOR IS WHAT I SEEK..!
I HAVE PURSUED IT HALF-WAY ACROSS THE GALAXY...
BUT AT LAST MY MISSION IS REWARDED
SO POWERFUL WAS THE IMPACT WHEN IT STRUCK THAT LONG-DEAD PLANET...
THAT IT BURNED ITS WAY RIGHT THRU THE CORE..!
THUS RELEASING ENOUGH ENERGY TO BATHE A SOLAR SYSTEM!
NOW GALACTUS SHALL HUNGER NO MORE!
AND THE HUMANS OF EARTH WILL THEN BE SPARED!
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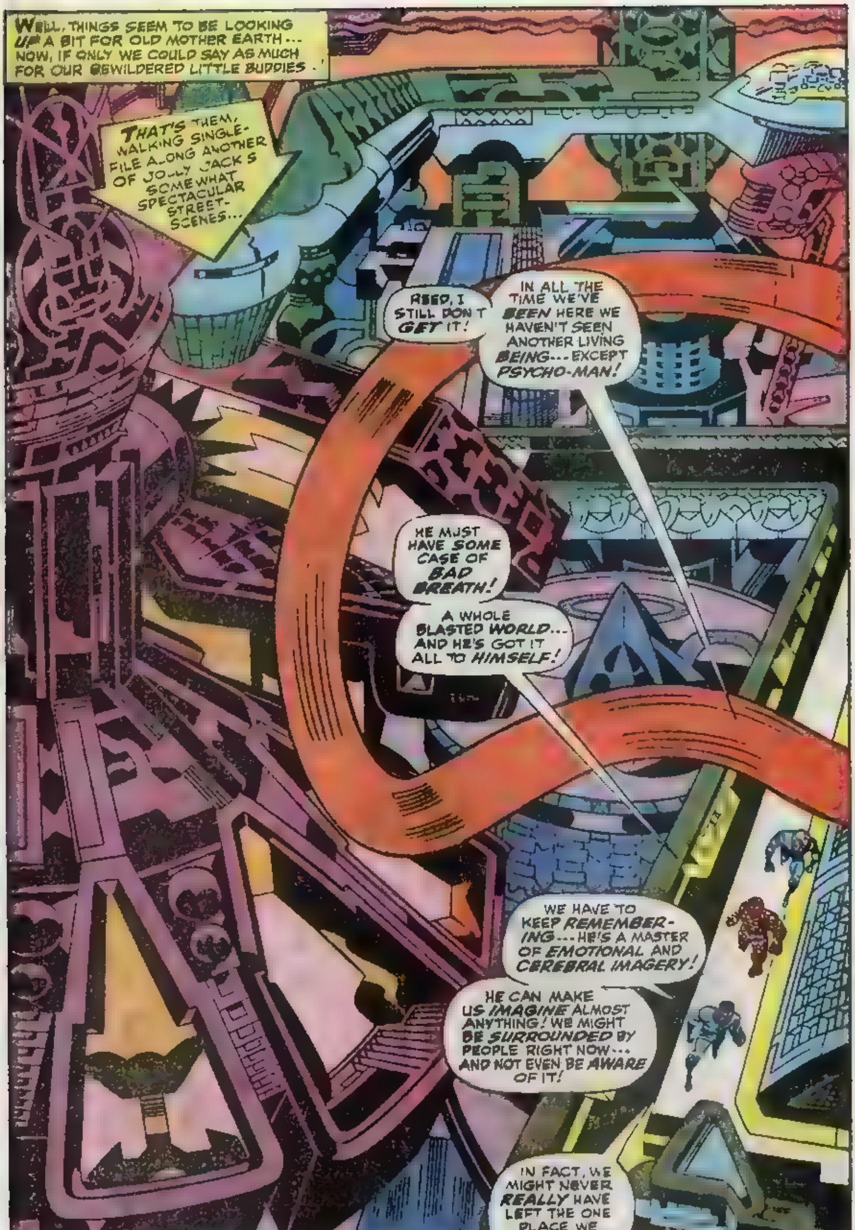
WELL, THINGS SEEM TO BE LOOKING UP A BIT FOR OLD MOTHER EARTH... NOW, IF ONLY WE COULD SAY AS MUCH FOR OUR BEWILDERED LITTLE BUDDIES.
THAT'S THEM, WALKING SINGLE-FILE ALONG ANOTHER OF JOLLY JACK'S SOMEWHAT SPECTACULAR STREET-SCENES...
REED, I STILL DON'T GET IT!
IN ALL THE TIME WE'VE BEEN HERE WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANOTHER LIVING BEING... EXCEPT PSYCHO-MAN!
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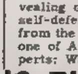

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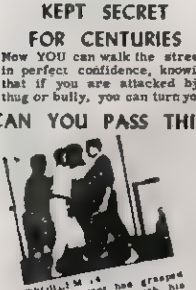

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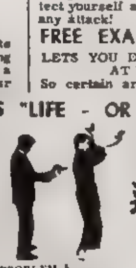

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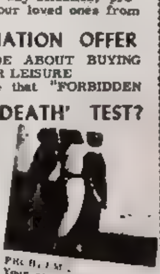

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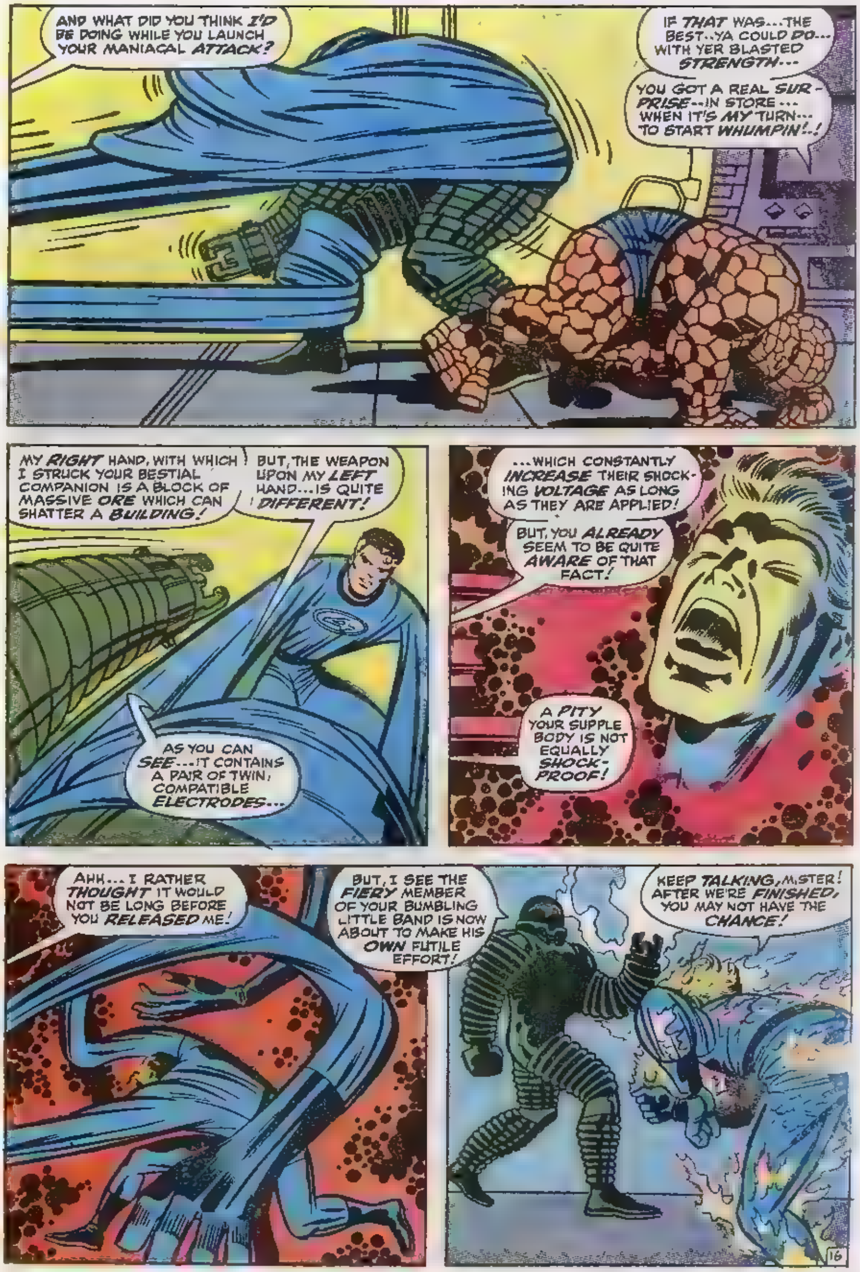
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BUT, YOU ALREADY SEEM TO BE QUITE AWARE OF THAT FACT!
A PITY YOUR SUPPLE BODY IS NOT EQUALLY SHOCK-PROOF!
AHH...I RATHER THOUGHT IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE YOU RELEASED ME!
BUT, I SEE THE FIERY MEMBER OF YOUR BUMBLING LITTLE BAND IS NOW ABOUT TO MAKE HIS OWN FUTILE EFFORT!
KEEP TALKING, MISTER! AFTER WE'RE FINISHED, YOU MAY NOT HAVE THE CHANCE!
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YA KEPT 'IM BUSY JUST LONG ENOUGH..!
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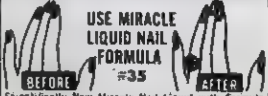

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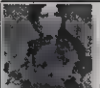

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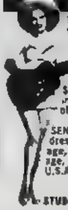
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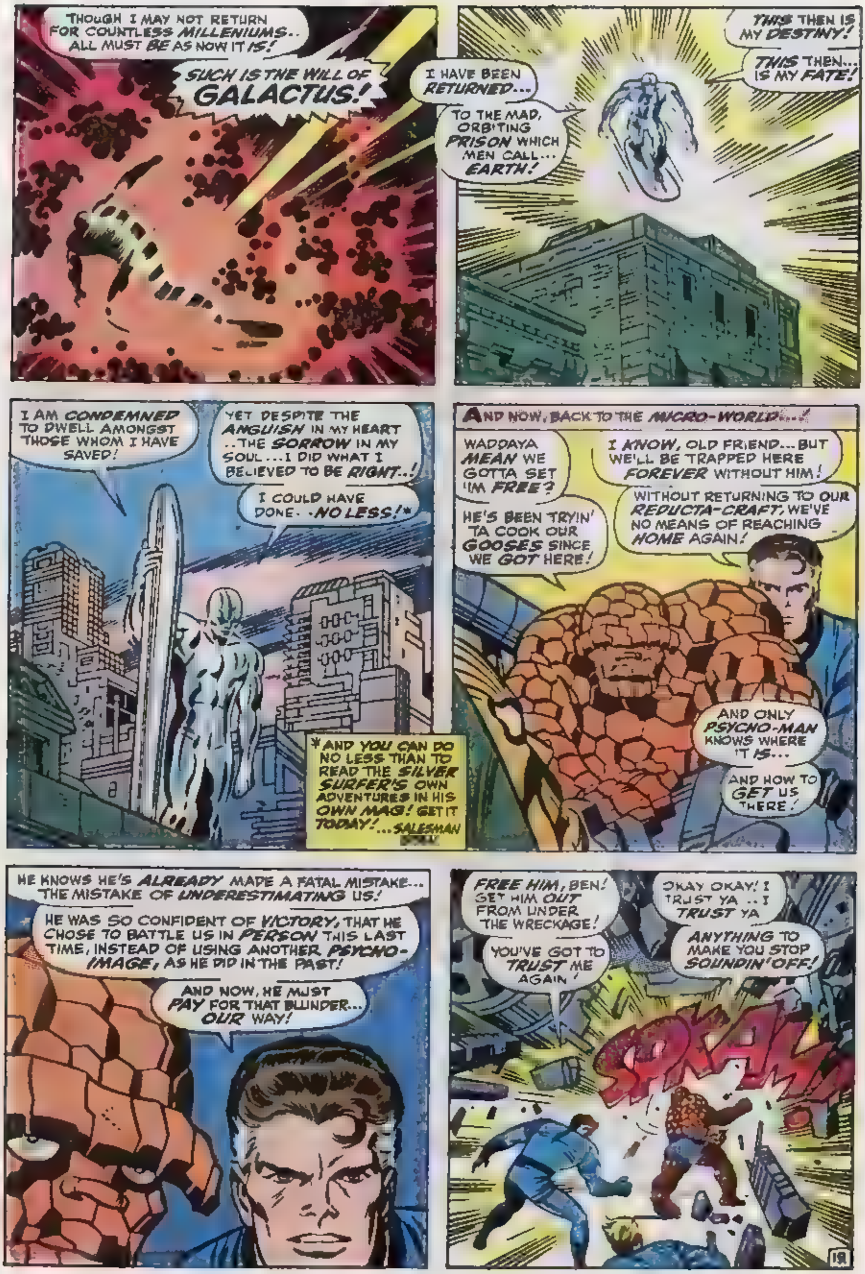
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SUCH IS THE WILL OF GALACTUS!
I HAVE BEEN RETURNED...
TO THE MAD, ORBITING PRISON WHICH MEN CALL... EARTH!
THIS THEN IS MY DESTINY!
THIS THEN... IS MY FATE!
I AM CONDEMNED TO DWELL AMONGST THOSE WHOM I HAVE SAVED!
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I KNOW, OLD FRIEND... BUT WE'LL BE TRAPPED HERE FOREVER WITHOUT HIM!
WITHOUT RETURNING TO OUR REDUCTA-CRAFT, WE'VE NO MEANS OF REACHING HOME AGAIN!
AND ONLY PSYCHO-MAN KNOWS WHERE IT IS...
AND HOW TO GET US THERE!
HE KNOWS HE'S ALREADY MADE A FATAL MISTAKE... THE MISTAKE OF UNDERESTIMATING US!
HE WAS SO CONFIDENT OF VICTORY, THAT HE CHOSE TO BATTLE US IN PERSON THIS LAST TIME, INSTEAD OF USING ANOTHER PSYCHO-IMAGE, AS HE DID IN THE PAST!
AND NOW, HE MUST PAY FOR THAT BLUNDER... OUR WAY!
FREE HIM, BEN! GET HIM OUT FROM UNDER THE WRECKAGE!
YOU'VE GOT TO TRUST ME AGAIN!
OKAY OKAY! I TRUST YA .. I TRUST YA
ANYTHING TO MAKE YOU STOP SOUNDIN' OFF!
SPRAAK!
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ITEM! Naturally, everybody's been talking about Marvel's greatest publishing project of all — the sensational SPIDER MAN Spectacular which went on sale last month. It's already completely sold out in many areas (such as the neighborhood where Jazzy Johnny's family lives!) — but there are still enough copies printed to be sure that no Marvelite Johnny-Come-Lately will be disappointed. Remember, if you've been having trouble finding this extra-thick, extra-large 35¢ slickpaper mag, with its gorgeous oil-painting cover, be sure to ask your newsdealer for it. There's a good chance that he's displaying your Spidey Spectacular amongst his more expensive top-selling mags — so be sure to look all over for it, not merely on the comics mag racks. Once you get your greedily-clutching claws on it, you'll see why it was well worth all the trouble — and we're not just wigglin' our webs, pilgrim!

STAN'S SOAPBOX!

We sometimes receive letters accusing us of publishing too many different titles. A number of fans have said it's too expensive trying to buy all our mags, and they ask us not to be so greedy, and to publish less of 'em. So, we thought you might like to hear OUR side of it. The only reason we constantly add new titles is because YOU ask for them. Thousands upon thousands of your letters demanded that we give Cap, Shell-Head, Namor, and all the others their own magazines. In fact, remember when we tried to discontinue the Hulk some years ago? Your unceasing outcry forced us to bring him back, despite the fact that it imposed a tremendous strain upon our already overworked staff. And each time we try to publish fewer 25¢ summer Specials, you swamp us with letters demanding more than ever. Personally, we'd be happy to let up a bit. Many of us, including yours truly, haven't had a vacation in years! But, our policy was, is, and always will be to give Marveldom what it asks for, and judging by our ever-skyrocketing sales, we're not far from the mark. That's the lowdown, loyal one. We don't want you to spend all your bread on our mags, honest. But, so long as the dramatic demand for them continues, we can't turn a deaf ear. Anyway, remember this: no matter how many stories we create each month our credo will always be the same — Nil Nisi Optimus — nothing but the best! Excelsior!

—Smiley

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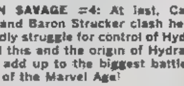

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Fantastic Four ④ Fan Page

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Dear Stan and Jack,

I have a question — how could Reed Richards get so confused? It's very simple. Dr. Doom was Daredevil, but now he's back to being Dr. Doom. DD was Dr. Doom but now he's DD again (Who, by the way, is really Mike Murdock, who is really Matt Murdock). The F.F. are called by Dr. Doom, who at the time is Daredevil, and told that DD, who is really Dr. Doom, is going to attack them. Meanwhile, Thor, who was dead, is now alive, but is unable to become Don Blake, who is really Thor. But Thor goes to battle the Wrecker who has been defeated by the Destroyer, who is really Sif. And Spidey, who didn't know who he was before, found out that he was Doc Ock's partner. This, of course, was a lie, which Spidey found out, and soon after found out that he was himself. But Dr. Doom who is really Dr. Doom now and not Daredevil, calls the F.F. and pretending to be DD, who is DD now and not Dr. Doom, tells them that Daredevil is Dr. Doom and coming to attack them. Daredevil, who thinks he's himself, doesn't know that Reed thinks he's Dr. Doom. What's so hard to figure out?? Tony Isabella, 11203 Peony Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44111

Who'd ever be *nutty* enough to dream up a silly set of circumstances like that in the *first place* — that's what! Sheesh! Some people just have to make things complicated!

Dear Stan and Jack,

This is your guardian angel giving you the answer to all the letters you've received about the fact that Daredevil's eyes can be seen in F.F. #73. In the current DD issue linking into the F.F., Dr. Doom in DD's body noticed the eye filters and attributed it to the fact that it sharpened DD's other sense over a period of time. Since Doom was only going to use the body temporarily, he took out the filters so that he could use his vision. When Daredevil was reunited with his form, he didn't replace them due to lack of time. There! The explanation is as easy to follow as the story. Artichokes!!
Richard Davidson, 4417 Watrous Ave.
Tampa, Fla. 33609

Right along with Sam, Stan, Jack, and the rest of the befuddled Bullpen, Rich! But, anyone who was able to follow that cataclysmically confusing serialization should be able to understand your explanation! So, whatever you do, don't be offended just because we don't! (Oh, and we almost forgot to mention that we're sending you a *no-prize!* We didn't think it was possible for anyone to blow our minds any more thoroughly than DD and Doc Doom had — but then we hadn't counted on *Richard Davidson* clouding up the situation!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

F.F. #73 was definitely a chef-d'oeuvre. Your story was the epitome of writing in the annals of the art form known as the comic, and your art, which recently has shown a marked improvement, reached a new peak. The full page spread of Goldilocks and lovable Benjy really knocked me out. I shudder to think what might have befallen the foes in this ish if we were not living in the Marvel Age of Happy Endings!! Sandy Katz, 122 Shornecliffe Rd.
Newton, Mass. 02158

Not nearly as forecastable a fate as might have befallen them were we not living in the *Comics Code Authority Age of Comics* — and that's for sure! Of course, it never would have seen print anyway since we have our own code of ethics which is even more rigid than the Code Authority's — but, after sitting through "Bonnie and Clyde!" for the third time, we can at least imagine what the *ending* would've been like! Hooo boy!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Well, you know what they say about the Good Old Days — they never were. I'm writing regarding the letter in issue #72. I started Marvel with Spidey #7, so I, too, remember when Stan Lee, 2 letterers, 4 inkers, and 5 artists were turning out the best literature money could buy. Now here I am 5 years later, and I have noticed nothing but improvement and growth. Friend Manly is possibly distressed by the commercialism which has arisen from universal public acceptance of Marvel and 6-year-olds dissertating learnedly on the negative zone. But that's the way it is. Things happen and the world changes. You may call commercialism bad, and — well, it isn't good — but it's part of our Way of Life and it lubricates a few gears here and there. Now if Marvel itself became an outlet for only Marvel associated products — if it got where you could pick up a Marvel and find models, albums, shows and such — *then* you should worry. As for the 6-year-olds, you didn't expect Marvel to become an in-group of dedicated snobs who would regard the rest of the world's inhabitants as inferior because they didn't read Marvel, and yet would try to prevent the others from finding out about Marvel because that would destroy their clique, now did you? Besides, kids are smarter these days. Get a kid interested in the negative zone and he might grow up some day and discover it. As for the Good Old Days, just think what Marvel didn't have — no Kree race, no Inhumans, no Crystal, no Volstagg, no Black Panther, and Kirby never drew that good. Marvel's doing all right. It's doing better than it did, and it'll do better.
Garry N. Hubbard, Team B, 102D USASA Scty Det
APO, New York, N.Y. 09221

We're not sure, Garry — but we think what you're trying to say is, *"Is this any way to run a comics group? You bet it is!"* And we couldn't have said it better ourselves! Thanks, tiger! We appreciate it!

Don't get frantic, faithful ones! We haven't permanently cut our liltin' letters section to one page. We just needed an extra page this month for a senses-shattering special announcement which you'll find elsewhere in this ish! Next month everything will be back to normal, meaning two full pages of your cavortin' correspondence and your batty Bullpen's agonizin' answers! We promise, pussycat!

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